

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application with claims 1 and 11 being independent. No new matter has been added by the above amendments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

Rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement, and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite. Applicant has overcome these rejections by amending the claims. Applicant submits that the claims, as amended, are enabled and definite.

Prior art Rejection of Independent Claims 1 and 11


Claims 1 and 11 stand rejected as being anticipated by Dyke (US 6,412,070). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claims 1 and 11 are not anticipated by Dyke because Dyke fails to disclose all of the features of claim 1 or 11. For example, at the least, Dyke fails to disclose a “programmable logic controller (PLC) configured to operate one or more material storage bins,” as is required by claims 1 and 11. As properly interpreted, a “material storage bin” is a bin (e.g., a container) that stores materials (e.g, objects and other physical things). Because Dyke fails to disclose all of the features of claims 1 or 11, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-18 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections, and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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